

AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF MADRAS.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting held at the Masonic Hall,
Mount Road, at 6 P. M. on Thursday,
12th January 1893.

The Committee's Report upon the proceedings for 1892 and the Treasurer's statement of receipts and disbursements were read.

It was proposed by Mr. Rose, seconded by Dr. VanGeyzel and carried unanimously that the report and statement be accepted and brought on the Minutes of this Meeting and be circulated as usual to all Members.

A gratuity of Rs. (30) thirty was granted to the clerk who had assisted the Honorary Secretary in despatching notices, &c., the additional Rs. 5 being on account of the extra work for the new Library.

A letter from the Honorary Secretary of the Fine Arts Society was read as to the forthcoming Exhibition in Madras, and it was decided to offer 6 (six) of the Society's large Silver Medals for competition, the subjects being selected by the Committee.

The Honorary Secretary drew attention to the pictures belonging to the Society, and proposed they should be disposed of in some way, as they were only spoiling by being kept in a box. After some discussion it was decided to distribute them among the Members by a lottery, which will take place at an early Meeting.

A grant of £2-2-0 (two guineas) was made to the Photographers' Benevolent Association of London.

The Honorary Secretary again drew the attention of Members to the proposed collection of Lantern Slides, illustrating the Madras Presidency, for the Society of Great Britain, and said he had received not a single offer from any Member to co-operate with him in the collection!

The following were elected as the Committee for the ensuing year :—

President.—Mr. C. MichieSmith, B. Sc.

Vice-Presidents.—Mr. C. Slater and Mr. E. W. Stoney, M. I. C. E.

Committee.—Surgeon Lt.-Col. S. L. Dobie, Mr. W. M. Gerard, Mr. A. E. Lawson, Mr. V. G. Lynn, Mr. A. L. H. Palmer, Surgeon Major J. L. VanGeyzel.

Hony. Secretary and Treasurer.—Mr. F. Dunsterville.

The President then rose and said :—“ He congratulated the
 “ Members on the satisfactory working of the Society for the
 “ past year. The year had begun with a proposal to wind up
 “ the Society, but they had resolved instead to make an attempt
 “ to infuse fresh vigour into their work and they had succeeded.
 “ The Meetings had not only been well attended but they had
 “ been interesting, both when set papers were brought forward
 “ and when they simply took up informally, in a conversational
 “ way, subjects brought before them by any of their Members.
 “ Such discussions were most useful. One thing, however,
 “ which he wished to impress upon the Members was that, if the
 “ success of the past year was to be continued, more of them
 “ must come forward to do something at their Meetings, as it
 “ was not fair that the whole burden should fall on the shoulders
 “ of a few willing ones. They ought too to try and send in
 “ pictures more frequently for the monthly Meetings, as it was

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The Committee beg to present their report upon the proceedings of the Society during the year 1892, the fifth year of its existence.

There were 42 Members on the list on the 1st January and 17 new Members joined, making the total 59. Of these, 6 resigned and 1 died, leaving 52 on the list on the 31st December, or a gain of 10 Members.

The cash balance handed to the present Secretary was Rs. 538-7-0 : during the year Rs. 607 was received for subscriptions and entrance fees, making the total Rs. 1,145-7-0 ; the disbursements, as per Treasurer's cash account, amount to Rs. 440-7-6, leaving a balance at the Society's credit of Rs. 704-15-6 on the 31st December 1892.

During the year there were abnormal payments of Rs. 47-5-0 for subscription to the Maddox Fund and for 2 copies of Photographs of the year, and of Rs. 93-11-6 for Library books and binding, together Rs. 141-0-6. The increase in the cash balance notwithstanding these abnormal payments shows our finances to be in a very satisfactory state.

The attendance at the monthly Meetings has improved in a marked degree, and, for the first time since 1888, Meetings have been held regularly throughout the year. Papers were read by the Honorary Secretary, Surgeon Lieutenant-Colonel S. L. Dobie and Captain A. D. G. Shelley, R. E., copies of these have been or will be circulated to all Members.

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The Committee desire to call the attention of the Members to the existence of the Library, consisting at present of 56 standard volumes on Photographic and kindred subjects, any of which can be had by application to the Secretary under the rules laid down.

By order.

FRED. DUNSTERVILLE,

Honorary Secretary.

RAYAPURAM, MADRAS.

1st January 1893.

Treasurer's Statement for Year 1892.

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Dr.	Rs.	A.	P.		Rs.	A.	P.	Cr.
Balance from late Treasurer ...	538	7	0	Photographs of the year—2 copies	15	12	0	
Entrance fees from new Members	95	0	0	Subscription to Maddox Fund, £2-2-0	31	9	0	
Subscriptions	512	0	0	Library books, binding, &c.	93	11	6	
				Prize prints ...	37	8	0	
				Medals for Fine Arts Society's Exhibition	61	12	0	
				Do. Photographic Society's May				
				Competition ...	41	2	0	
				Printing and Stationery	63	7	9	
				Postages during the year	47	15	3	
				Affiliation fee to Photographic Society,				
				Great Britain	16	13	0	
				Lighting charges to Lodge P. U. to				
				December 1892	27	0	0	
				Petty charges	3	13	0	
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The proposition was put to the Meeting and carried unanimously.

Then followed some discussion as to the proposed Exhibition, and in the end the matter was referred to the Committee for consideration and report.

It was then arranged that at the January Meeting (31st instant) Mr. Stoney would read a paper on "**Printing processes**" and show examples of various kinds, and that at the February Meeting (28th) Mr. Dunsterville would give an exhibition of Lantern Slides.

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